File No. 143
1926.

Collection No.

Improvement Scheme

Pros. Serial Nos.

**Subject.**

Underground Sewerage Scheme

Lady Assistant Surgeon's quarters

**Previous References.**

**Later References.**

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

Bangalore, 29th Feb. 1928.

From

The Executive Engineer,

Station Municipality,

B a n g a l o r e.

To

The Secretary to the Resident in Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e.

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Will you please let me know immediately by telephon if I may suggest reappropriation of grants in my surrender statement to

1. Blackpally School work
2. Assistant Surgeon's quarters;

provided for next year from anticipated lapse in Isolation Hospital.

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Telephone Message.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. DATED BANGALORE,

29th. Feby: 1928.

FROM

The SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer,

Bangalore.

Reference ~~his~~ your ~~letter~~ memo. No. dated

**Subject.**

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The Municipal Executive Engineer anticipates savings under the grant------ sanctioned for the construction of a new Isolation Hospital. Will you kindly let me know today if possible whether there is any audit objection to these savings being utilized for the construction of Assistant Surgeon's quarters sanctioned in the Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident No. 1292, dated 23rd Dec: 1927.

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T.N. Thangavelu
W/22/2-29-2420. Mudaliar

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

29-2-1928.

From

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Resident-in Mysore.

MESSAGE.

8645. Your telephone message of date.

The necessary provision for the construction of quarters for the House Surgeon, Lady Curzon Hospital has been included by the Government of India in the Budget estimate for 1928-29 only. The work has therefore to be treated as a new service not contemplated in the current year's estimate. Again the charges for the construction of the Isolation Hospital in the current year are being met out of the provision made in the Budget for 1927-28 for the construction of quarters for the Collector and Commissioner of Police with the special sanction of the Government of India. The concurrence of the Government of India would therefore be necessary for the diversion of funds from the Isolation Hospital Works to the works of constructing quarters for the House Surgeon.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

Telephone Message

No. DATED BANGALORE, 47

FROM

The SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Municipal Executive Engineer,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

Reference ~~his~~ your ~~letter~~ memo. No. T.M. dated 29th F'eby. 1928

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~~Subject~~

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The Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore considers that the concurrence of the Government of India is necessary for the ------- diversion of funds from the Isolation --- Hospital Works to the work relating to the construction of quarters for the House Surgeon. It is too late to address the Government of India in the matter. Neither can the savings in question ~~cannot also~~ be utilized

for Blackpally School work.

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CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

From

DATED 28 February 1928.

T. B. RUSSELL, Esq, I.C.S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
C. & M. Station, BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Register No. 1964
Date of Receipt 1/3/28.
Ref. No. 143/26

SIR,

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS.

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.R.2379, dated the 12th January 1928, on the above subject, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for your information a copy of the Commission's resolution No.2, dated the 24th February 1928, sanctioning the undermentioned two estimates which were submitted to you with my letter quoted above:-

(1) Estimate of Rs.61,975/- for a complete underground Sewerage scheme for a portion of Blackpally.

(2) Estimate of Rs.38,025/-for laying a 12" in diameter stoneware pipe drain from the well in Doddigunta Grass Farm to the General Bazaar and Ulsoor Main Sewer

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

President, M. C.

MVL.
28/2/28

*Municipal Commission's resolution dated the 24th February 1928. (Ordinary meeting).*

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2. *(1) Estimate of Rs.61,975/- for a complete underground Sewerage Scheme for a portion of Blackpally.*

*(2) Estimate of Rs.38,025/- for laying a 12" in diameter stoneware pipe drain from the well in Doddigunta Grass Farm to the General Bazaar and Ulsoor Main Sewer.*

*Resolved that the following two estimates be sanctioned:-*

*(1) Estimate of Rs.61,975/- for a complete underground Sewerage Scheme for a portion of Blackpally.*

*(2) Estimate of Rs.38,025/- for laying a 12" in diamater stoneware pipe drain from the well in Doddigunta Grass Farm to the General Bazaar and Ulsoor Main Sewer.*

*(Sd). T. B. Russell,*

*President, M. C.*

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*' Copy..'*

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28-2-28.

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From - The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To - The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Register No. 2234
Date of Receipt 9.3.28
No.

Memorandum No.18(1)-A/28.

Dated New Delhi, the 5-14 March 1928.

Quarters for the Lady Assistant Surgeons, etc.

P. S. 39. Reference your letter No.1152/143-1926, dated the 1st February 1928.

2. The estimate and plans have been examined by the Consulting Engineer, who has remarked as follows:-

"The proposals cannot be followed from the plans. It is proposed to make additions and alterations in three buildings but the plan of only one of them is given. Detailed plans should be given showing existing and proposed work and the use to which each room is to be put. The plans should also shew the portions which it is proposed to dismantle".

3. The estimate and plans are returned for revision as required by the Consulting Engineer.

Sd/- K.Sanjiva Row,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Attested.

E. C. Otto.

Superintendent,

Foreign and Political Department.

[R. O. 106 (a)].

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, 13 March 1928.

No. 2563 ENCLOS. 7

A copy of the marginally* noted ~~letter~~ memorandum with enclosures is forwarded to the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, for favour of necessary action, with reference to his letter No: 2312/29, dated the 30th January 1928.

*Memorandum No. 18(1)-A/28 dated 5-3-1928 from the Govt: of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

Sd/ C. K. Srikanta Iyer
for Secretary to the Resident.

532—15-9-1927—5,000—BPB.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
12-3-1928.

12/3/28

No. Q.283/28 Civil and Military Station, Bangalore,
Encs 2 Municipal Office,
dated 17th March 1928.

19/3/28

Letter dated the 12th March 1928 received from the President, The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association addressed to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident together with a copy of the resolution No.15 dated the 10th March 1928, regarding sewerage scheme.

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Forwarded. The matter was fully considered, and all objections were met. I am strongly opposed to any postponement.

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for President, M. C.

MVL.

17/3/28

RESIDENT'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.
Diary No. 2584
Date of Receipt 19/3/28
File No. 143/26

Urgent

Office at No 217, Chick Bazaar, Road,
Civil & Military Station,
Bangalore

THE BANGALORE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION.

Dated, 12th March 1928

(Registered under Act VII of 1913)

From

The President,
The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the
Honorable the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

THROUGH

The President,
Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for favourable consideration and disposal, a copy of Resolution No. 15 that was passed at the ordinary monthly meeting of this Association on the subject of the Sewerage Scheme that was recently passed by the Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Encl:-1.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

President,
The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association

Office at No 217, Chick Bazaar, Road,
Civil & Military Station,
Bangalore

THE BANGALORE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION.

Dated, 12th March 192

(Registered under Act VII of 1913)

Extract of the Proceedings of the Bangalore Rate-Payers' Association which was held at St. Rock's Girls School, in the compound of St. Francis Xaviers Church, St. John's Hill, Bangalore, on Saturday the 10th day of March 1928, at 8-30 A.M.

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Resolution No. 15.

The question of the Sewerage Scheme recently passed by the Municipal Commission was discussed at great length in regard to its various aspects, and the following resolution was adopted at the end:-

" That this Association requests the Honorable the Resident to hold in abeyance the Sewerage Scheme passed by the Municipal Commission at their last ordinary meeting, as it has been pointed out by various Experts including the former Residency Surgeon (late Lt. Col: R.F. Standage, C.I.E.,), Lord Ruthven, and Mr. J.W. Madeley that the scheme would be a failure unless and until the Water Supply is assured and put on a thoroughly satisfactory basis, without the necessity for rationing. This Association would also lay stress on the need there is - first for the relief of congestion, and then for the Municipal Commission to be in possession of an amply sufficient and suitable tract of country on which to deposit the sewage, as has been rightly pointed out by Lord Ruthven".

A copy of discussion of the meeting of H. E. C. has not been received

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"COPY"

President.

From - The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To - The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE
BANGALORE
Number 2963
Date of Receipt 30/3/28

Memorandum No.18-A/28.

Dated New Delhi, the 26th March 1928.

Introduction of underground sewerage in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

Reference.- Your letter No.389/143-1926, dated the 16th January 1928.

2. The administrative approval of the Government of India is accorded to the above mentioned project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 (one) lakh, as detailed below :-

| | | Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| I - | A complete sewerage scheme for a portion of Blackpally. | 61,975 |
| II - | Laying 12" diameter glazed stoneware pipe line from the well in Dodigunta Grass Farm to General Bazaar and Ulsoor Main Sewer. | 38,025 |
| | Total | 1,00,000 |

3. The Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India has pointed out that there is always the grave risk of stand-pipe water - even if crude water - being drunk. If sweepers are using such standpipes for conservancy purposes, the risk of others drinking, especially in the south, is greatly diminished; but, even so, it would be more satisfactory if stand-pipes of this kind were labelled "Undrinkable", as at railway stations. The Government of India therefore consider that this precaution should be observed. In other respects the Public Health Commissioner has approved the scheme.

4. As regards the provision of funds for the work the detailed estimates were received too late for inclusion of the necessary provision in the budget of the Assigned Tract for 1928-29. The Government of India regret their inability, in the circumstances, to sanction the payment of Rs.1 lakh to the Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, as a grant-in-aid during 1928-29 from the Assigned Tract share of the surplus revenues.

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5. The estimates and plans, together with Mr. Murphy's report on the sewerage scheme, are returned herewith.

Sd. K. Sanjiva Row,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Attested.

E. C. Otto.

Superintendent,

Foreign and Political Department.

No.

Copy forwarded to the Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, for information.

[R. O. 106 (a)].

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

*Bangalore,* 10th April 1928.

No. 3527 ENCLOS. 22

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosures, is forwarded to the President, Municipal Commission Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for information, with reference to his letter No. R.2379, dated the 12th January 1928.

Memorandum *No. 18-A/28 dated 21st March 1928, from the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

*Secretary to the Resident.*

532—15-9-1927—5,000—RPB.

No. 2998/25.
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Residency Surgeon's Office
Bowring Civil Hospital
Bangalore 31st. March 1928.

From

Lt-Col. J.McPherson, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.E.
M.R.C.P., I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon.

To

The Secretary
to the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE
BANGALORE
3087
Date of Receipt 3-
File No. 143/26

Subject:-Quarters for the Lady Assistant Surgeons etc.

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 2563/143-1926, dated 13th.March 1928 forwarding a Memorandum No.18(1)-A/28, dated the 5th.March 1928 from the Government of India, I have the honour to forward herewith letter No.CWM.601, dated 29th.March 1928 together with plans and Estimate received from the Executive Engineer, Station Municipality, Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

House Surgeon,
for Residency Surgeon.

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CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Dated 29-3- 1928.

*From*

W: H. MURPHY Esq., M.B.E., M.I.M. & Cy. E.,
*Municipal Executive Engineer,*
CIVIL & MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

*To*

The Residency Surgeon,

BANGALORE:

SIR,

With reference to memorandum No.18 (1)-A/28 dated 5th March 1928 from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India and Your No.2664/29 dated 15th March 1928, I have the honour to submit herewith the following plans with a report and estimate:-

(1) Site plan of hospital buildings.
(2) Plan for converting the Lady Assistant Surgeon's Quarters into Lady Superintend-ent's Nursing Sisters' Quarters.
(3) Plan of existing Lady Assistant Surgeon's Quarters.
(4) Plan of Pupil Nurses Quarters showing the proposed alterations.
(5) Plan of Male Assistant Surgeon's Quarters

The names of all the rooms have been marked on plan No.2 as desired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:

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_____DEPARTMENT.

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File No. 143/192

Serial No.

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(Code word for telegrams.)

No. 3669 Dated 14th April 1928

From

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Political Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department

Subject:- Quarters for the Lady ----- Assistant Surgeons, etc.,

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No. 18 (1)-A/28, dated the 5th March 1928, I have the honour to forward the following plans with a report and an estimate received from the Municipal Executive Engineer, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore:-

(1) Site plan of hospital building

(2) Plan for converting the Lady Assistant Surgeon's Quarters into Lady Superintendent's and Nursing Sisters' Quarters

(3) Plan of existing Lady Assista. Surgeon's Quarters.

(4) Plan or Pupil Nurses' Quarters showing the proposed alterations.

(5) Plan of Male Assistant Surgeon's Quarters.

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2. The names of all the rooms have been marked on plan No. 2 as ------ desired.

I have etc.,

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Resident.

T. N. Thangavelu
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13-4-1928.

C.A.S.
13/4/28.

Urgent

No. 360/29.

Residency Surgeon's Office
Bowring Civil Hospital
Bangalore 23rd. May 1928.

From

Lt-Col., J.McPherson, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.E, M.R.C.P.
I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
Secretariat
Serial No. 4602
Date of Receipt 25/5/28
File No. 143/28

To

The Secretary

to the Resident in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Subject:-Quarters for the Lady Assistant Surgeons etc.

Sir,

S.N. 54 (S)

1. I have the honour to request that you will kindly refer to my No.2998/29, dated 31st. March 1928 and should be much obliged if you would kindly expedite a reply to the same from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign & Political Department.

2. The reason for the necessity of doing so is that we are in urgent need of the accommodation therein contemplated.

(1) The number of nurses having increased during the last 2 years has brought about considerable congestion in the present quarters which has been much felt during this hot weather.

(2) The work in connection with the alteration of Sisters' and Lady Assistant Surgeons' Quarters is also urgently required.

(3) The quarters for the Male Assistant Surgeon which are the essential commencement of the Scheme are also held up for want of sanction. Until these latter quarters are built, the other alterations cannot be proceeded with.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. McPherson.

Lt-Col., I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon, Bangalore.

From - The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To - The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

POLITICAL OFFICE
Diary No. 4610
Date of Receipt 25/5/28
File No. 143/26

Memorandum No.18(1)-A/28.

Dated Simla, the 18th May 1928.

QUARTERS FOR THE LADY ASSISTANT SURGEONS, ETC.

Reference correspondence ending with your letter No. 3669 dated the 14th April 1928. 143-1926

The Consulting Engineer to the Government of India has made the following further remarks on the proposal :-

"I confess that I still find the proposal extremely difficult to follow. Apparently the sole reason for it is that the present Lady Assistant Surgeons quarters are unsuitable in the absence of 2 rooms only (viz. sitting room and dining room). To remedy this defect it is proposed to make a general re-shuffle which involves the new construction (apart from minor internal alterations) of no less than 4 dressing rooms, 4 bath rooms, a store room and a pantry. This will provide new accommodation for 4 Nursing Sisters, while it is stated that "the extra nurses" will be accommodated in the present Lady Superintendent's and Nursing Sisters' quarters. There is no plan of these quarters, however, nor any indication as to the number of nurses involved and it is, therefore, impossible to say whether the proposal is sound or not. Intelligible plans should be provided of all the buildings concerned with a statement as to the numbers of the staff involved. Prima facie, it would appear far cheaper and simpler to construct the sitting room and dining room for the Lady Assistant Surgeons on to the quarters they already occupy and leave the remainder of the staff where they are. The existing accommodation is already being increased owing to the vacation of the Male Assistant Surgeon's quarters. As regards the proposed structural alterations to the Lady Assistant Surgeons quarters as shown in plate No.2, it is presumed that the portion enclosed in plain yellow lines is to remain as it

is,

is, while those portions which are covered with yellow cross lines are to be dismantled and this should have been made clear on the plan. If that is the case, it means that there is no partition wall or communicating door between the bed rooms and the dressing rooms which would appear to be most unsatisfactory. The same remark applies to the distribution of rooms as shown in the upper storey."

3. The estimate and plans are returned again for revision in the light of the remarks of the Consulting Engineer.

Sd. K. Sanjiva Row,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Attested.

E. C. Otto.

Superintendent,
Foreign and Political Department.

No. 5432
143-1926. Recd 9

Office of the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore 8th June 1928.

A copy of the marginally noted memorandum, with enclosures, is forwarded to the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, for favour of necessary action, with reference to his letter No.360/29, dated the 23rd May, 1928.

Memorandum No.18(1)-A/28, dated the 18th May, 1928, from the Government of India in the Foreign & Political Department.

S.N. 56, P.U.e. I

2. As regards paragraph 2(3) of his letter, the construction of quarters for the House Surgeon, Lady Curzon Hospital, Bangalore was sanctioned in the proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore No.12929, dated the 23rd December, 1927, a copy of which ~~were~~ was forwarded to you. A sum of Rs.17,500/- has been provided for the purpose in the current year's Assigned Tract budget under the head "Account III - Medical and Public Health - A - Medical Hospitals and Dispensaries - A 5 - Works - Construction of quarters for House Surgeon.

S.N. 31

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

U/Post with p.p. 11/6

Bowring Hospital,

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Re Yrs no. 5432 / 143-1926 of 8th June 1928. S. W. 5-8

Dear Lothian,

I should be very much obliged if Yrs if Yrs could come round Hospital some day with me, when I could show you what we have been hoping to do by way of extending our premises. The Architect with the G. of I. seems to want an unnecessary amount of convincing that we know what we are about. Perhaps it could be put up to him in clearer form, & I am prepared to try to do so, but

Could I first convince you, we should have the advantage of your valuable help in pushing the matter through.

In brief (1) we have long had insufficient accommodation for nurses, more than 3 in one room sometimes!

We therefore require 5 new quarters for our Ghi staff, which has grown in the last 3 years, when the quarters were then sufficient for nurses.

2) In order to have building new quarters for nurses, we hoped to pass on to them the present Sisters' (4) quarters: they will incidentally give quieter quarters to the Sisters.

3) The Sisters will move into the present Lady Assistant Surgeons' quarters which will be retained for the purpose.

4) The Lady Asst Surgeons are at present two, & live together. We require three & have had the third one sanctioned: there are no

quarters for this third Ass Surgeon, & we cannot dispose the two there are. It was intended to modify the Quarters at present occupied by the male Asst Surgeon, so as to make them suitable for accommodation for the present of two — tho' I had actually asked for room for three — Lady Ass Surgeons.

5) The Quarters for the Asst-Surgeon are already half Completed on the Maidan outside my hospital.

This is part of a general move to get the male Asst Surgeons out of the hospital grounds — the next person to move will be the male Ass't Surgeon, Bowring Comp., whose house occupies much valuable space in the hospital Compound. He, too, will be put out on the Maidan. In the place of his house, I intend eventually to build much needed private wards.

So in no sense is the Scheme one of the

helping nature suggested by the Architect of the G. of J. It is an orderly progression designed to meet all the above objects.

For you, the above may seem rather involved until you actually see the Hospital. I can arrange to let you simply, one of the Sisters Engineer, & we could, with the Superintendent Sister, go over the ground and explain matters to you some day.

I hope you will be able to come along soon.

Yours Sincerely

J. Fletcher

D.O.No. 5589
52A-96.

THE MYSORE RESIDENCY,
Bangalore 12th June 1928.

My dear Colonel,

It is my turn to visit the Mental Hospital with you. Would you kindly let me know what day and time will suit you ? We might subsequently if convenient to you on the same day visit the Bowring Hospital together, and see what we can contrive to meet Brebner's criticiams.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sd) A. C. Lothian.

Lt. Col. J. McPherson, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., M.R.C.P. (Lond), I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon,
Bangalore.

Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospitals,
Bangalore, 12th June 1928.

My dear Lothian,

Reference your D.O.No.5589 dated the 12th June 1928. Monday 18th June at 8-30 A.M. would suit me for visiting the Mental Hospital, or I shall assume this date and hour as convenient to you also unless I hear otherwise. Thank you for kindly offering to come on afterwards to see the hospital. I shall write to Mr.Murphy and ask him to come here also.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- J. Mc.Pherson.

No. 884/29.

Res. 10.

Residency Surgeon's Office
Bowring Civil Hospital
Bangalore 28th July 1928.

From

Lt.Col.J.McPherson. M.A.,M.B.,F.R.C.S.E.,M.R.C.P(Lond)
I.M.S.
Residency Surgeon.. BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Resident,
in Mysore... BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject:- Quarters for the Lady Assistant Surgeons&c

S.N.58

With reference to your No 5432/143-1926 dated the 8th June 1928 I have the honor to forward herewith my reply with reference to Memorandum No 18(1)-A/28 dated the 18th May 1928 from the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department together with plan for the above for favourable consideration of the Hon'b the Resident, in Mysore, Bangalore. The 9 enclosures received with the above are also herewith returned.

S.N.57

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

J. McPherson.

Lt.Col.I.M.S.
Residency Surgeon.

Reference Memorandum No.18(1)-A/28, dated the 1st May, 1928, I have the honour to give in detail the reasons for the proposed alterations and additions in the present Hospital buildings. The crux of the whole position is that we have had for long insufficient accommodation for our Nursing Staff. Even formerly, this was true, but with the recent additions to staff, the lack of space has become more pronounced.

In the main block of the Nurses' quarters, which consists of a double storeyed building, flanking the quarters at present occupied by the Nursing Sisters, there are five upstairs and six down stairs rooms occupied by Staff. The upstairs rooms are at present occupied each by three nurses, and occasionally they have to be utilised for the accommodation of two others, who being on night duty, use the rooms when the others are on day duty. The boxes and belongings of these nurses are kept in trunks beneath the beds, and their other belongings which require cupboards have, for lack of space, to be put on the verandah and so block out air and light and are in addition unsightly. The upstairs rooms ought not to accommodate more than two girls each and each girl should have a separate cubicle so as to permit of some privacy. This can readily be arranged by a partition in each room.

Upstairs there are therefore at present 15 girls where there should be only 10. As regards downstairs, in this same block, each of the six rooms is smaller than each upstairs room and is at present occupied by two girls. Each room is suitable for one girl only, so that instead of the present 12 occupants there should only be 6. In this whole block, therefore, there is sufficient accommodation for 16 nurses and not for the 27 who at present occupy it.

The Staff excluding the Lady Superintendent and 4 Sisters consists of 8 Charge Nurses (i.e. fully trained, and in charge of wards) and 27 Pupil Nurses with 1 (at present) Stipendiary Nurse in addition. As we have authority for the enlistment of, in all, 3 stipendiary nurses, the additional two will be employable only when we have the room for them. At present therefore we have a Pupil Nurse staff of 28 and with 2 extra stipendiary nurses we should have 30. We have however adequate accommodation

for

for 16 nurses. We now require therefore accommodation for 14 girls.

As regards the Staff Nurses, 8 in number, who are housed in a building in line with the present Sisters' Quarters, 2 have to share their rooms with two others. This is not right as a Charge Nurse being senior, is entitled to her own room and will get it in any other hospital.

The Sisters' Quarters when converted, will secure accommodation for 14 nurses, provided two more bathrooms are put in, and this readily be done. This conversion of Sisters' Quarters into Nurses' Quarters will keep the entire Nursing Staff in one quadrangle, the quarters being arranged along two adjacent sides. It will entail little expense in conversion and will save the erection of a double storeyed building for the Nurses. The difficulty with regard to the erection of such a building, apart from the question of additional expense, is that the present site is too limited to permit it. To the south of the present block the ground is insufficient and was stated by a former Engineer to be "filled-in" land and unsuitable for the erection of a heavy building. Besides, any building erected here, would shut out air and light from the present quarters.

To the north, there is a space shewn on the site plan extending between the Lady Curzon Hospital wards and the Servants' quarters. Unless and until these servants are accommodated outside the Hospital compound and in the bazaar alongside, there is not sufficient space for the erection of a building large enough to accommodate 14 nurses.

It will be gathered, so far, that the main requisite is additional room for Nurses and that the simplest and cheapest way to secure this is to utilise existing buildings for them by minor alterations. This brings us to the necessity for evacuating the quarters at present occupied by the Lady Assistant Surgeons.

Their present quarters have a common sitting and a common dining room as they are both Anglo-Indians and this has been

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the arrangements hitherto adopted. It is not ideal and it would be better for them to have separate arrangements. This is secured for them in the quarters of the Male Assistant Surgeon to be seen evacuated, as one Lady can have the upper storey and another the lower ground floor. As we have sanction for a third Lady Assistant Surgeon we hope in time to have a third quarter, for which there is room in the present compound. Until this is in existence the Lady Assistant Surgeon will lodge outside and in the vicinity of the hospital.

The advantages of altering for the Sisters the building at present occupied by the Lady Assistant Surgeons are:-

1. It evacuates them from the Nurses' Compound where they are intruders.

2. It allows a better and more spacious quarter to be built, with accommodation suitable for the Lady Superintendent upstairs, and the Sisters' downstairs.

The present Sisters' quarters are attached to the Nurses' Quarters, and there is neither the privacy nor the peace that senior ladies expect, but cannot obtain when thrown close up to quarters occupied by exuberant and noisy young women. Rest, quiet and adequate privacy are essential, especially to the senior members of the Nursing Staff.

The new position is well adapted to secure the adequate supervision of the nurses as it flanks the quadrangle and is near the entrance gate of the quarters.

The Scheme is part of a plan designed to utilise our present space as well as possible, and finally to secure evacuation by the remaining Male Assistant Surgeon of a quarter which forms an enclave in the hospital compound in front of the Bowring Hospital and occupies space out of proportion to its utility. The space could be better utilised by being used for the erection of hospital buildings. The Assistant Surgeon (Bowring Hospital) could have a quarter built for him alongside the quarters that are now nearly erected for the Assistant Surgeon, Lady Curzon Hospital. The buildings which are it

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is hoped to ultimately erect on this area are private Wards. The present accommodation for private patients consists of 6 single bedded rooms out of the 200 beds in the two hospitals. The Private wards in the Lady Curzon Hospital consist of three rooms situated on the thoroughfare between two general wards. Privacy and quiet are impossible to secure in this position.

The Private Wards in the Bowring Hospital are three in number and situated at the end of a long passage. This makes it difficult to supervise the patients there and makes undue demands on a limited nursing staff. Economy in nursing and increased advantages in other respects are likely to be secured by grouping the private wards in another situation.

With the above explanations it will be seen that the project is not merely an un-economical way of securing additional accommodation for the Lady Doctors. It is designed:-

1. to secure additional accommodation for nurses, which is long overdue.

2. to use the present buildings occupied by Nurses and Sisters (in an economical way) so as to afford accommodation for 14 more nurses, grouped in adjoining blocks.

3. to improve in site and suitability the quarters of the Sisters.

4. to evacuate the Lady Doctors from the Nurses compound where they are out of place.

5. to finally secure space to build the absolutely essential additional and improved Private Wards for both hospitals.

Since the above was written, the Director-General, I.M.S. has inspected these Hospitals. The situation was explained to him when he visited the quarters of the Staff. He approved of the proposals made by us to secure adequate accommodation.

Sd. J. McPherson,
Lt. Col., I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon, Bangalore.

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Encl. Note, plans & estimates

From

The Hon'ble Mr. L. M. Crump, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Resident in Mysore.

To

The Political Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign and Political Department.

Dated Bangalore 9th August, 1928.

Quarters for the Lady Assistant Surgeons, etc.

Sir,

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In reply to your Memorandum No. 18(1)-A/28, dated the 18th May, 1928, I have the honour to forward a note prepared by Lieutenant Colonel J. McPherson, I.M.S., Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, which, it is hoped, will make the proposals clear to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India.

2. The estimates and plans received with your memorandum are returned duly revised where necessary. A plan of Nurses and Nursing Sisters' quarters is also enclosed.

3. If the Government of India approve of these proposals, I request that I may kindly be permitted to make necessary provision in the Mysore Assigned Tract budget estimates for 1929-30 under the head "Account III - Medical and Public Health A-Medical Hospitals and Dispensaries - A.5 - Works".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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for R E S I D E N T.

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From- The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To - The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Memorandum No.F.18(1)-A/28.

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Dated Simla, the 6th September 1928.

Quarters for the Lady Assistant Surgeons,etc.

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Reference correspondence ending with your letter No.7480/143-1926, dated the 9th August 1928.

2. The Consulting Engineer to the Government of India has pointed out that no information has been given by you regarding the concluding portion of his note dated the 12th May 1928, which deals with the proposed structural alterations to the Lady Assistant Surgeon's quarters as shown in plate No.2. The plan as it stands now cannot be followed, and what is wanted is a plan showing clearly portions of the building which are (a) to be dismantled,(b) existing and (c) new.

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3. The estimate and plans are again returned for revision as desired by the Consulting Engineer.

Sd. K. Sanjiva Row,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Attested.

E. C. Otto.
Superintendent,
Foreign and Political Department.

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memorandum,

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosure, is forwarded to the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, for favour of necessary action, with reference to his letter No. 884/29, dated the 28th July, 1928.

*No. F.18(1)-A/28 dated the 6th September 1928, from the Government of India in the Foreign & Political Department.

*Secretary to the Resident.*

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